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In re Patent Application of:  
Shun Nakamura et al.

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For: GAME APPARATUS, INPUT DEVICE USED  
IN GAME APPARATUS AND STORAGE  
MEDIUM

Examiner: K. T. Nguyen

**COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS  
FOR ALLOWANCE UNDER 37 CFR §1.104(E)**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

Applicants agree in part with the Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance in that the prior art of record fails to disclose, teach or suggest the claimed invention. However, Applicants note that the Examiner's statement fails to address all limitations of all of the allowed claims except in a general cursory manner. For example, certain claim limitations were not discussed in the Examiner's Reasons for Allowance, including those in the dependent claims, each of which defines

a unique combination of features not shown or suggested by the prior art, providing additional reasons for allowance of each claim.

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Respectfully submitted,

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